



**Ottawa County 4-H
Horse Advisory Committee**
240 W. Lake Street, Unit C
Oak Harbor, OH 43449



Dear 4-H Horse Scholarship Applicant,

Please read the guidelines and requirements for the application carefully. The application **MUST** be returned to the OSU Extension office no later than March 1st. In order to be considered for the scholarship, you must include the following:

1. The guidelines for the application with your initials in front of each numbered line. **You must meet every requirement to be qualified for the scholarship.**
2. The completed application. This includes the cover sheet, the application, and the essay questions. The application must be signed by your parent, your advisor, and yourself.
3. Proof of acceptance at your chosen college or university will be required no later than August 1st, 2024. This will allow you time to receive your acceptance letter. Proof may include a copy of your acceptance letter, a copy of a receipt showing tuition paid, a transcript of your first year grades, or a copy of your college ID.

The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee will review the applications to determine eligibility. A panel of non-4-H judges will determine the winners. The judges will not have access to the personal information included on the cover sheet. Applicants will be selected according to their qualifications, and the winner will be announced at the 4-H Fall Celebration.

Thank you for participating and good luck!

The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee

OTTAWA COUNTY 4-H HORSE SCHOLARSHIP

**Please read these guidelines carefully and initial before each number.
These guidelines will be used by the scholarship committee to determine eligibility and must be returned with the completed application.**

- _____ 1. Applicant must be either a graduating high school senior or enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college for the 2024-2025 school year.
- _____ 2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in the Ottawa County 4-H Horse Program.
- _____ 3. Applicant must have at least five years membership in the 4-H Horse Program.
- _____ 4. Completion of projects, attendance, and participation in club activities will be considered.
- _____ 5. Activities outside of the 4-H program such as church, sports, clubs, organizations, and work experience will be considered.
- _____ 6. Applicant must be enrolled in a two-or-four-year college program in any field (proof or acceptance will be required).
- _____ 7. Recipients of the scholarships are not eligible to reapply.
- _____ 8. Scholarships are not based on financial need.
- _____ 9. Two scholarships of \$250 each will be awarded for the 2024-2025 school year.
- _____ 10. If the recipient drops out of college during the 2024-2025 school year, every effort should be made to repay the scholarship to the Ottawa County 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee.
- _____ 11. Applicants must meet **all** guidelines to qualify. The Ottawa County 4-H Horse Scholarship Committee reserves the right to determine qualifying applicants.
- _____ 12. Selection of recipients will be made by a panel of community (non 4-H) volunteers and will be final.
- _____ 13. Scholarships will be awarded at the 2024 4-H Fall Celebration. If the recipient is unable to attend, a representative must be present to accept the scholarship.
- _____ 14. A personal interview may be necessary to determine recipients.
- _____ 15. Recipient's name and picture will be used for public relations.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____

4-H CLUB _____

Please complete the following information for the selection committee:

Will you be a freshman or a sophomore in college for the 2024-2025 school year? _____

What was your GPA in High School? _____

What was your GPA in your freshman year of college? _____

What College/University will you be attending? (Proof of acceptance is required) _____

What is your proposed major/career goal?

SECTION ONE – YOUR 4-H EXPERIENCES

How many years have you been in the 4-H Horse Program? _____

List at least two horse projects that you completed.

List any offices that you held in your club.

List all other 4-H groups with which you have been involved (i.e. Jr. Leadership, 4-H Horse Advisory, 4-H Advisory Committee, Jr. Fair Board, 4-H Camp Counselor, etc.)

List any 4-H trips you have taken or State 4-H involvement (i.e. Citizenship Washington Focus, Ohio 4-H Conference, etc.)

List any awards or honors you have received (i.e. Jr. Fair King/Queen, State Fair Participation, Achievement Awards, etc.)

SECTION TWO – OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

List any organizations, activities, or clubs other than 4-H in which you have been involved (i.e. sports, church groups, community service, school groups, etc.)

SECTION THREE – WORK EXPERIENCE

List any work experience and related trainings.

SECTION FOUR – ESSAYS

Please answer the following questions. You may use another sheet of paper if needed.

1. What one 4-H horse experience is most memorable or meaningful to you and why?

2. How do you feel your 4-H horse experience has helped you in your personal growth?

3. How will your 4-H horse experience benefit you in college?

4. What means of support will you offer the 4-H Horse Program in the future?

I attest that all information provided on this application is truthful and accurate. I understand that members of the selection committee may contact other organizations to confirm activities that I have included on my application. I agree to allow OSU Extension and Ottawa County 4-H Programs to use my name and any information included in the application to recognize my success if I am chosen to receive a scholarship. This may include, but is not limited to: press releases, newsletters, and county fair displays.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

SIGNATURE OF 4-H ADVISOR

DATE